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REMARKS

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Response to Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 3-8 and 13 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter, which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants have amended claims 1 and 3 and have cancelled claim 4 to avoid this rejection. The features of cancelled claim 4 have be added to claim 1.

Claims 4-8 and 13 were also rejected by the Examiner as being depending from rejected claim 3 and 4. In response, applicants have amended claims 5-7 and 13 to depend from claim 1 which should obviate this rejection.

Claims 23 and 24 was rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter, which Applicants regard as the invention. In response applicants have amended claim 23 to include features of claim 1 and to obviate the indefiniteness.

Response to Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 2, 3, 9-12, 14, 16-22, 33 and 34 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Burbank et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0165579) in view of Nagel (U.S. Pat. No. 2,400,251).

Applicants have amended claim 1, 23 and 33 to require an extendable curtain on the distal end of the receptacle which the Examiner agrees avoids the cited prior art.

The rejections should therefore not be applicable to the amended claims.

Response to Allowable Subject Matter

The applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 4-8, and 13 were directed to patentable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have incorporated the features of claim 4 into independent claims 1, 23 and 33, so these claims should be allowable as amended.

Claims 25-32 were allowed by the Examiner.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the pending claims, as amended above, are directed to patentable subject matter. Reconsideration and a early allowance are respectfully requested.

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